SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO THE BOARD, 1927 - 1928

1. Registration:

Nine hundred and five different men and women, boys and girls, have been students in the College during the past session. This represents an increased enrollment, over last year, of about one hundred. The students were registered in the various divisions, as follows:

	This year	Last year
Grammar School Courses	178	123
High School Courses	288	276
Commercial and Special	439	409
Total	905	808

Of the nine hundred and five, three hundred and twenty-four were sixteen years of age or under, while five hundred and eighty-one were seventeen years of age or over. Compared with last year:

	This year	Last year
Sixteen years and under	324(34.7%)	279(33.3%)
Seventeen years and over	581(65.3%)	529(66.7%)

2. Membership:

Only one hundred and forty-three students (15.8%) were members of the Young Men's or Young Women's Christian Association when they applied for admission to the College. This is a very small percentage and is even smaller than last year — which was 19.9%.

The College is making no mean contribution to the general work of the Association when, in a few weeks in the Fall of the year, it brings into the membership seven hundred and sixty-two young people. In addition to making this contact for the Association the College paid a substantial amount to the Central Branch, twenty-three hundred dollars in membership fees for the above mentioned students.

3. Tuition Income:

Tuition income for the fiscal year amounted to $32,697. This represents an increase over the corresponding period last year of $2467, or 8.1%.

4. Students turned away:

Nearly two hundred students had to be refused admission to the College last fall for the reason that the classes

into which they sought admission were crowded to capacity. The Grammar School and the Commercial courses are those reffered to.

This does not mean, of course, that 905 students is the present capacity of the College. On the contrary the evening high school has accomodation for about one hundred more students than it had registered during this session - providing students can be obtained for the particular years and classes which are at present under strength. During the next session more stress will be made on the high school course, in the advertising and promotion, and it is hoped that not a single vacant place will remain.

It should be mentioned, in passing, that while the contemplated situation for the coming session will be very advantageous from the points of view of maximum use of space and financial return, it will not be so ideal from an academic point of view. The present classrooms are so arranged that when most classes have every seat filled, the class is so large and unwieldy that it is exceedingly difficult to do a first class piece of educational work. To pay attention to individual students is an impossibility under such conditions. Such a situation already exists in a number of classes and as the remainder are filled to capacity the same thing will be true of them.

5. An extension course in literature was offered during the session and an average attendance of fifty was secured. The lecturer was Professor Howard D. Brunt, Ph. D. - Professor of English at MacDonald College.

6. Staff:

The staff of the College during the past year has consisted of thirty-five persons, as follows:

Principal
Vice Principal
Assistant Principal and Student Counsellor
3 Secretaries
2 Office Assistant (part time)
2 Full time teachers
23 Part time teachers

7. Co-operation with other agencies:

The College has cooperated with the following agencies:

(a) The Big Brother Association: by registering a group of "little brothers" in various courses, giving them special attention and reporting their progress periodically to the Association.

(b) The Canadian Pacific Railway: by providing special classes in shorthand, typewriting, and English for a group of Company employees.

(c) The United Tehological College: by providing special instruction for several undergraduate students.

(c) The Shawinigan Water and Power Co., The United Shoe Machinery Co., Guy Tombs, Ltd., Jas. A. Ogilvy Ltd., Henry Birks and Sons, The Children's Bureau, and many others: by conferring with them in regard to suitable courses for various of their employees and clients, rendering periodical reports, etc.

Respectfully submitted,